

### PORTLAND POLITICS

Considerable Interest Manifest as to the Probable Leaders.

#### A NUMBER OF ASPIRANTS

Speaker of the House and Subordinate Positions Eagerly Sought After by Local Politicians.

Portland, Dec. 2.—Now that the vanguard of the legislative procession has drawn almost into hailing distance, there is heard on every side rumors of a near meeting of the Multnomah delegation, that the ingredients thereof may become known unto the wishes of one another and those from among their personnel a bellwether, who shall at all times be available to act in the role of a leader among men in times of stress, strenuously and need. Report has it on what is reputed to be authority that is likely to be reliable that next week, probably about the middle, Whitney Lyon Boise will promulgate a pronouncement causing the brethren to assemble together and talk over things, as well as elect the bellwether aforesaid.

Certain things must be done ere then, and certain of the solons return to the fold. State Senator Daniel James Malarkey, a powerful factor among the solons, is out of the city, and his home-coming is awaited with interest. When he is again among them and the fold is full, all other things being equal, there will be a reckoning among the brethren.

But upon whose cranial convex will be bestowed the laurels of the bellwethership? Were old Hamlet again among us, verily it is likely he would say: "To be or not to be; that is the question." While nobody pretends to know anything about it, there is heard something here and there.

One says that Stewart Bryan Linticum would not be at all offended if the distinction were offered him, or that his leadership would be the source of protest on the part of the brethren. Again, it is hinted that William Torbert Muir, lawmaker and meter out of the same, might be a good man, and still another has breathed it around that the title of bellwether may just as likely as not become the cognominal prefix or State Senator Clarence Wilton Hodson, who is also morally certain to be a candidate for president of the senate some day. Suggestion of the name of Albert Low Mills meets with the objection that that solon is so engrossed with business affairs that he would be unable to make good the title, even were it offered to and accepted by him.

It all depends, the wisecracks say, on what grade of solon will get the job. If the presidency of the senate comes to Multnomah, then the bellwethership will, as a matter of dividing up the courtesies, be given to a solon of the lower grade; while if it should develop that Arlie Almont Bailey becomes speaker, a solon of the higher order will get the plum of delegation chairman.

It will all be fixed at the meeting. That meeting! What a furor it will stir in the bosoms of certain anxious brethren! For instance, there is Frank Henry Motter, whose clarion tones have on times oft before carried to the furthest recesses of the senate chamber the contents of divers and sundry bills before solons of the higher order, and who, without the slightest doubt in all this great, wide world, is thirsty for a chance to do it again.

"Pum" Kelly, ex-sheriff and deputy sheriff, is a candidate for sergeant-at-arms, in one house or the other. His fate is in the balance the forthcoming meeting will help to tip, and be it said right in this relation that there are many who would like to see "Pum" get it.

Away down in the thorax of Frank Iddleton there burns a fierce desire to become calendar clerk in one of the houses, and it is talked around that Frank Northrup will feel pretty sore should the fates political decree that he shall not have it again. And so on to the end of the chapter. Candidates for clerkships galore and all the divers and varied jobs that go with the 40 days and nights at the capital city will begin bobbing up like bubbles in a teapot when the temperature stands at 212 degrees.

Multitudinous are the places soon to be offered where the servant of the people can get even with the taxpayer that have not as yet caused to be made known the names of hungry seekers. But the solon has no fear that they will not turn up in good season. Verily, he looks for them with a yearning look like the owner of a bad bill for the collector thereof.

Libels Against Vessels. San Francisco, Dec. 2.—A libel has been filed in the United States district

court against the American schooner David Evans to recover \$114 alleged to be due as wages. A libel has also been filed against the British ship Peleus to recover \$320 for a portion of a cargo of currants damaged on the trip from Antwerp to this city.

#### SUMPTER ELECTION ON.

Interest Centers in the Mayorality Contest.

Sumpter Dec. 2.—Sumpter's coming city election is the all-absorbing talk of the town. Only one full ticket is in the field, although there are two candidates for mayor, and two for city treasurer. The citizens' ticket has a full complement of candidates; the other is called the business men's ticket. The citizens' ticket is headed by W. H. Gleason, for mayor, with J. P. Baird, C. H. Chance, Dr. C. M. Pearce, J. B. Fryer, C. P. Holley, Fred Fontaine, Barney Flynn, T. J. McWatty, Thomas Taylor and C. W. Amell for councilmen, and W. R. Hawley for treasurer. Although all those mentioned for councilmen cannot be elected, the contestants seem to be shy about running on the business men's ticket.

This latter ticket has Cato J. Johns for mayor and M. H. Allen for treasurer. Fred Fontaine will not declare allegiance to either ticket, but claims to be running independently and will rely on his present record as councilman to elect him. He will be opposed by C. P. Holly in the third ward.

Much is being said as to how badly each candidate for mayor will be beaten by the other, and it begins to look now that next Monday, election day, will be the most interesting that Sumpter has seen for some time.

#### FIRE INNOVATION.

Chemical Cars Installed on Chicago Elevated Lines Are a Success.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—What are to be the first fire cars to be used on elevated railroads in this country have been installed on the Metropolitan elevated lines. The cars correspond in type to the regular chemical engine in use in the city fire department. Four of them are stationed at the terminals of the four branches of the railroad.

In a trial given in the presence of members of the Chicago Fire Underwriters' Association and the officials of the Elevated Railroad Company, the speed and efficiency of the fire cars were demonstrated. After a run of one mile a fire was extinguished within six minutes after the alarm was sounded. The equipment of the fire cars consists of two 100-gallon tanks of chemical solution and two lines of hose, each 150 feet long. In addition a reservoir containing 200 more gallons of solution is carried on each car. Two trained men compose the crew of each car.

#### ANGLESEY WAS BUNGOED.

Cabochon Sapphires Only Sell for a Twelfth of What He Paid.

New York, Dec. 2.—Chief interest at the second day's sale of the Andlesey jewels, centered, according to the Herald's London correspondent, around a pair of cabochon sapphires of unequal size, about half an inch across, each mounted as sleeve links, with large single brilliant ends, which were reported to have cost the marquis \$100,000. Only two dealers bid for the gems, which brought but \$6900. The day's total amounted to \$67,500.

#### LABOR LEADER QUILTS.

President of International Brotherhood of Bookbinders Leaves.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Edward W. Tatum, for the last five years president of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, has resigned from that position and will hereafter devote his entire time to two local unions of paper rulers and bindery women, for which he is business agent.

Robert Glocking of Toronto, Canada, the vice president, has assumed the office of president.

#### SCHOONER LIBELED.

Tug Daring Wants \$32,250 Salvage for Schooner South Bay.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 2.—The largest marine suit seen here for some time has just been begun in the libeling of the schooner South Bay for \$32,250 by the owners, captain and crew of the tug Daring. The South Bay was injured while crossing out over the bar last Friday, and was saved by the tug, which entitled the Daring to half the value of the vessel and cargo. The South Bay had a cargo of lumber from the Gray's Harbor Lumber company, of Hoquiam, and was bound for San Francisco, towing the tug Redondo down to the city to have her machinery installed.

During the recent severe storms portions of the jetty have been washed away and the South Bay struck some of these rocks, smashing a hole in her rudder. Her signals of distress were answered by the Daring which brought her inside and later to this city, where she is discharging her cargo to go on the marine railway for repairs. In helping the South Bay it was found necessary to cut the hawser of the Redondo, which was left to drift.

The Redondo was picked up by a Hoquiam tug and brought inside, and also has been libeled by G. H. Emerson for \$5200. She was taken outside, however, before the attachment could be served. Deputy United States Marshal Morris served the attachment against the South Bay, and the case is now under the jurisdiction of the United States court. John C. Hagan is attorney for the libellants.

#### FOOL POLICE REFORM.

Bereaved Moth Arrested on Idiotic Charge While Holding Dead Baby.

New York, Dec. 2.—Under a technical charge of transporting a dead body without a permit, Mrs. Florence Wieland, wife of an Albany, N. Y., business man, has been arrested in a crematory on Long Island while holding in her arms the body of her dead child, which she had taken there for incineration. She left Albany late at night, hoping to reach the office of a specialist in New York and her child, suffering with pneumonia, died on the train. She arrived at the crematory half dozed from grief, and, being without a permit, which the superintendent demanded before he would accept the body for incineration, the police were notified.

#### Propagating Pheasants.

Salem, Dec. 2.—An opportunity has just presented itself to local sportsmen to secure 20 pairs of English pheasants and 10 pairs of Golden pheasants, which have been raised in a wild state at the Canadian national preserve in Ontario. It will cost about \$300 to lay the lot down here and an effort will be made to raise sufficient funds during the next few days, to secure them and have them liberated somewhere where they will have absolute protection and a chance to propagate. The option on these birds will be off in a few days and if they are wanted they must be wired for.

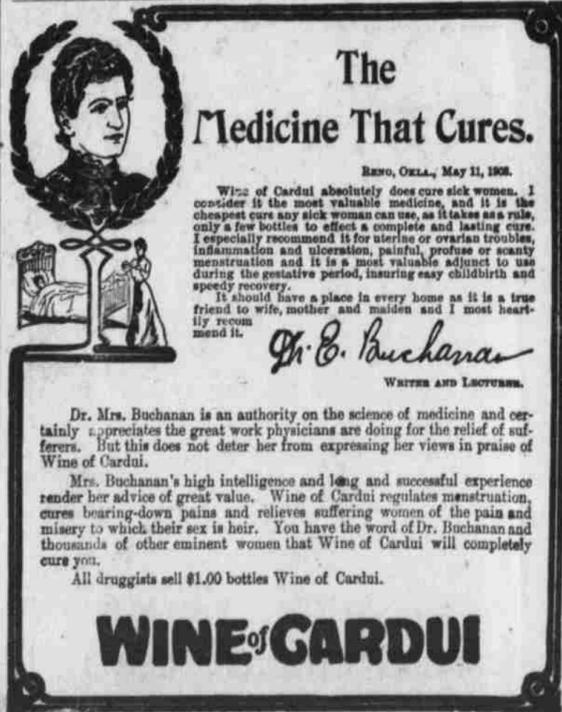
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hard runner before a dog, but it will protect itself better from ground vermin by roosting more generally in trees at night.

An effort is being made at present by several local sportsmen to raise the necessary sum.

#### Paraguayans in Revolt.

New York, Dec. 2.—It is reported that the Paraguayan revolutionists have captured Villa Encarnacion, the second largest city in the country, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres, Argentina. If this report is true the government is now in possession of only Asuncion and the surroundings.

#### Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was marvelous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Chas. Rogers Druggist."

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